

# Instrumental Music for QCE:

## Information for Students and Parents

The Department of Education's Instrumental Music (IM) Curriculum is a Recognised Study approved by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA). This allows year 11-12 students to obtain a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) point when completing each of Levels 7-10 of the IM Curriculum. It is wonderful that their study of their instrument/s at these high levels may be formally acknowledged on their QCE.

### **Enrolment**

Students and/or parents are encouraged to discuss the opportunity to gain QCE points with their IM Teacher. Teachers then implement the curriculum and assessment at the appropriate level and report on student enrolment and completion via an IM QCE secure portal. There is no requirement for students to have this entered on their SET Plan.

### **QCE – benefits**

Within our current Senior Schooling and QCE System, there is an imperative for students to accrue QCE points. IM is a wonderful way of ensuring students have QCE credits banked prior to the external examination period.

### **Assessment**

- Across each semester, IM students complete a range of formal and informal assessment tasks, as they have in earlier levels of the IM Curriculum. There is no additional assessment requirement.
- Formal assessment is likely to include sight reading, scales and technical work, solo and ensemble performance.
- All formal assessment is video-recorded as evidence of work. This is for assessment verification purposes, as is required in many subjects across the school.

### **Extension work beyond the curriculum**

Students may be given extension work beyond and/or deeper within, the levels of the IM Curriculum, as appropriate to the individual learning journey of the student. In this case, they will be assessed at the level at which they are enrolled and given recognition (QCE points) at that same level.

### **Useful links & resources**

- [QCE factsheet](#)

### **Eligibility**

Eligibility for QCE points is through the completion of any of Levels 7-10 of the IM Curriculum. Ask your teacher if you don't know what level of the curriculum you're currently studying.

### **Requirements**

Minimum weekly contact time in the IM program:

- 1 x 1hr rehearsal (eg. Concert Band or String Orchestra)
- 1 x 30-35min group lesson

Minimum completion time per level:

- 37 weeks (a school year or equivalent)

